COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF TRITEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IN THE CLARKSVILLE/HOPKINSVILLE MAJOR TRADING AREA, OAK GROVE, CHRISTIAN COUNTY,))) CASE NO.) 2000-411-UAC)
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[BUMPUS MILL ROAD, SITE NO. 1154]	,)

ORDER

On October 25, 2000, Tritel Communications, Inc. ("Applicant") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility is to be located at Bumpus Mill Road, Oak Grove, Christian County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 36° 40′ 53.36″ by West Longitude 87° 24′ 35.38″.

The Applicant has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the proposed facility. Based upon the application, the design of the tower and foundation conforms to applicable nationally recognized building standards, and a Licensed Professional Engineer has certified the plans.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063, the Applicant has notified and received approval from the Hopkinsville/Christian Co. Planning Commission for the proposed site. The Applicant has filed applications with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Kentucky Airport

Zoning Commission seeking approval for the construction and operation of the proposed facility. Both applications have been approved.

The Applicant has filed evidence of the appropriate notices provided pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063. The notices solicited any comments and informed the recipients of their right to request intervention. An intervention request was received on September 22, 2000 from Andrew Self representing PCJ Farms and withdrawn on November 2, 2000 as the Applicant alleviated the concerns. No other intervention requests have been filed.

Pursuant to KRS 278.280, the Commission is required to determine proper practices to be observed when it finds, upon complaint or on its own motion, that the facilities of any utility subject to its jurisdiction are unreasonable, unsafe, improper, or insufficient. To assist the Commission in its efforts to comply with this mandate, Tritel should notify the Commission if it does not use this antenna tower to provide service in the manner set out in its application and this Order. Upon receipt of such notice, the Commission may, on its own motion, institute proceedings to consider the proper practices, including removal of the unused antenna tower, which should be observed by Tritel.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that the Applicant has demonstrated that a facility is necessary to provide adequate utility service and therefore should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the proposed facility.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Applicant is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility is to be located

at Bumpus Mill Road, Oak Grove, Christian County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 36° 40′ 53.36″ by West Longitude 87° 24′ 35.38″.

2. The Applicant shall immediately notify the Commission in writing, if, after the antenna tower is built and utility service is commenced, the tower is not used for a period of 3 months in the manner authorized by this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of February, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director